



**Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office
City Council Meeting Updates
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A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the November 13, 2018 regularly scheduled meeting are provided below.

November 13, 2018 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

Public Hearing to Amend Hermosa Beach Municipal Code Regarding Definitions and Standards for Live Entertainment – City Council adopted a permit fee (one-time \$250) and new definitions to issue Limited Live Entertainment Permits. This new permit will allow local commercial businesses to offer low impact, family-friendly entertainment such as games, acoustic music and open mic nights during “off-peak” hours without requiring the business operators to go through the existing conditional Use Permit (CUP) process used for more extensive and frequent live entertainment purposes.

Tobacco Retail License and Limits on Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products – In an effort to reduce instances of tobacco being sold to youth, the City Council received a staff report and took public testimony in consideration of a new ordinance that would require the licensure of tobacco retailers and limit the sale of electronic smoking devices and flavored tobacco products. No formal action was taken at this meeting, and the public hearing was continued to the Council meeting of December 11, 2018.

Temporary Hire Resolution – Council adopted a resolution to temporarily re-hire former Community Services Division Manager Georgia Moe, who retired in August of this year, to train the new Community Services Division Manager for a period of two days. The resolution is required under the California Public Employee Retirement System since the rehiring is occurring within 180 days of retirement and will help to facilitate knowledge transfer and a smooth transition for the new staff, Peter Ahlstrom.

Downtown Safety and Late Night Establishment Measures Update – City Council received an update from Acting Chief of Police McKinnon on measures implemented to improve downtown safety by the City and Late Night Establishments. The update included a comparison of Police Department and Code Enforcement Statistics between summer 2017 and summer 2018 as well as a subjective comparison of the improvements made in the last year which have included:

- Since December 2017, HBPD has specific Police Officers assigned to the Pier Plaza area Thursday through Sunday evenings. In the past, due to staffing shortages, the Police Department was only able to staff the Plaza through the use of overtime. The assignment of officers, as opposed to varied officers working overtime provides continuity and familiarity of issues and concerns.
- The Police Department's working relationship with the Downtown businesses continues to be an important component of our approach to impacting issues in the Downtown area. Officers, supervisors, and the Operations Division Commander, Lieutenant Scheid, ensure businesses are contacted when issues/concerns arise.
- The consensus is that Code Enforcement and Police staff attention to “small” issues mitigates/prevents larger concerns before they have an opportunity to materialize. This prevention based approach speaks to the broken windows theory, which is a criminological theory based on the academic theory by social scientists James Q. Wilson and George Kelling, that visible signs of crime,



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anti-social behavior, and civil disorder encourages further crime and disorder, including serious crimes. The theory suggests that policing methods addressing minor crimes such as vandalism, public drinking, etc. help to create an atmosphere of order and lawfulness, thereby preventing more serious crimes.

Community Theater Subcommittee Update – The Community Theater Subcommittee of the Council provided an update on their work with the subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Commission to solicit proposals for the management of the facility and requested Council to approve the appropriation of \$30,000 to conduct a needs assessment of the facility to determine the facility upgrades needed to enhance the visitor experience, expand programming, and improve the financial sustainability of the facility. Council approved the appropriation and provided direction to evaluate two scenarios:

- a. A major renovation of the Community Theater to transform it into a regional performing arts center.
- b. A conservative renovation to upgrade the Community Theater, taking into consideration its current users and maintaining the community focus of the facility.

8th Street Improvements Project Update – Public Works Director Glen Kau provided an update to Council on the next steps for the 8th Street Improvement Project to bring the project to 100% design plans, solicit input from the property owners along 8th Street and prepare the plans for solicitation of construction bids early next year. A walkthrough of the project is tentatively scheduled for early December and more information will be provided on the City website.

Voting Procedures for Board/Commission Appointments – Council approved the City Clerk's recommendation to establish a consistent voting policy for making appointments to the City's Boards and Commissions. The voting policy recommended by the Clerk and approved by Council is to use a paper voting procedure whereby each Councilmember writes their choice(s) for appointment based on the number of vacant positions or expired terms.

Role of the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission – Council approved staff recommendation to schedule a joint meeting of the City Council and the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission to consider and discuss the Commission's mission and roles as they relate to the City's broader needs and available resources. The joint meeting will be scheduled for a date in January 2019 to discuss the following:

- a. A comprehensive review of past and present Commission roles and responsibilities;
- b. An opportunity to ask questions of and receive valuable feedback from EPAC Commissioners and staff liaison(s);
- c. A case study analysis of emergency preparedness efforts in other cities; and
- d. Presentations by regional partners and emergency management professionals

Selection of Delegate and Alternate to Serve on the LAX Community Noise Roundtable – Council voted to identify Mayor Pro Tem Stacey Armato as the delegate and Councilmember Mary Campbell as the alternate representative to serve on the LAX Community Noise Roundtable on behalf of Hermosa Beach. Council direction additionally authorized the Mayor to sign a letter addressed to the Administrators of the LAX Community Noise Roundtable and LAWA Noise Management Division requesting formal City membership and identifying the City's delegates.



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Sponsorship of Beach Cities Health District 20th Annual Holiday Gift Bag Project – Council approved a donation in the amount of \$453 to the Beach Cities Health District in support of the District's annual Holiday Gift Bag project. The Beach Cities Holiday Gift Bag program, funded by donations, gives more than 250 bags to seniors and adults with disabilities filled with essential supplies like grocery gift cards, calendars, soap, kitchen towels, stamps, crossword puzzles, flashlights, batteries and more! If you are interested in making a donation to the program or volunteering your time to help deliver the gift bags, please visit the [Beach Cities Health District website](#) and help spread cheer this year!

Finally, the Mayor adjourned the meeting in memory of Hermosa Beach 27 year-old resident Taylor Kristopher Meyer. Taylor recently traveled to Playa Del Carmen, Mexico to celebrate a friend's 30th birthday, and the celebratory trip went awry last Friday evening when Taylor became involved in an altercation that cost him his life. This past Sunday, more than 100 of Taylor's family and friends gathered at the Hermosa Beach Pier to hold a candle light vigil. When Taylor's mom couldn't walk because she was so overcome by grief, Hermosa Beach Police Officers drove Taylor's parents to the end of the Pier and stood fast while they mourned the loss of their son. The gathering remembered the fun-loving man who loved country music, playing golf and organizing gatherings with friends. You can read more of Taylor's story, join in a celebration of his life, or contribute to his family's costs to get him home at the [following link](#).



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_josh1 With heavy hearts an enormous group of friends and family gathered at the end of Hermosa Beach Pier today to celebrate the life of @taylorbmeyer. You might wonder why there is a Hermosa PD cruiser at the end of the Pier? Taylor's mom, so overcome by grief couldn't walk so @hermosabeachcity H310 loaded her and her husband in the back and drove them to the end of the Pier and stood fast while they mourned the loss of their son. It's easy to overlook this simple act in a sea of overwhelming sadness but I'll never forget this scene. #HermosaBeachPD

**THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 27, 2018.**

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